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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESSURES ON ARGENTINA TO IMPROVE HUMAN
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1. DURING JUNE 28 CESSEIRE (OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTRY)
CALL ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY BUSHNELL FOR GENERAL
REVIEW OF LATIN AMERICAN ISSUES, BUSHNELL INDICATED U.S.
CONCERN WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA,
ESPECIALLY CONTINUING DISAPPEARANCES AND THE INSUFFICIENT
EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR DISAPPEARED. HE ASKED FOR FRENCH

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VIEWS AND WHAT COULD BE DONE.

2. CESSEIRE SAID THE FRENCH HAVE SIMILAR CONCERNS. FRENCH PUBLIC IS MORE CONCERNED WITH ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION THAN ANY OTHER IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. BUSHNELL NOTED THAT U.S. IS HOLDING UP MILITARY EXPORTS AND EX-IM FINANCING. HE SAID SUCH ACTION IS NOT VERY EFFECTIVE IF OTHER COUNTRIES DO NOT DO LIKEWISE.

4. CESSEIRE REPLIED THAT HE IS AWARE OF THE DISCUSSIONS ON FINANCING WITH U.S. ECONOMIC MINISTER IN PARIS. HOWEVER, HE SAID FRANCE COULD GET LITTLE OR NO COOPERATION WITHIN THE EEC ON ARGENTINA. HE SAID THE EEC IMMEDIATELY AGREED

WITH PRESSURE ON CHILE, WHICH WAS LESS IMPORTANT TO FRANCE; BUT EACH COUNTRY HAS SOME REASON, COMMERCIAL OR OTHER-WISE, FOR GOING SLOW ON ARGENTINA.

5. BUSHNELL ASKED IF PARTIAL RESTRAINT ON FINANCING WHERE FEWER COUNTRIES MIGHT BE INVOLVED, FOR EXAMPLE ON JET AIRCRAFT, MIGHT BE FEASIBLE. CESSEIRE SHOWED INTEREST AND SAID THIS COULD BE DISCUSSED.

6. THIS DISCUSSION SUGGESTS THAT THE FRENCH HAVE RAISED THE POSSIBLE LIMITATION OF EXPORT CREDIT TO ARGENTINA
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WITHIN THE EEC WITHOUT RAISING IT WITH ARGENTIA.
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS ADDRESSEE POSTS HAVE OF SUCH DISCUSSION AND POSITIONS. ALSO WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VIEWS ADDRESSEES MAY HAVE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF A PARTIAL EXPORT CREDIT RESTRAINT. CHRISTOPHER

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